

Senate Resolution 1137

By: Senator Unterman of the 45th

A RESOLUTION

1 Creating the Joint Study Committee on the Examination of the Mission of the Georgia
2 Department of Public Health and Its Effectiveness in Improving the Health and Welfare
3 Status of All Georgians; and for other purposes.

4 WHEREAS, there is a need for a study of the Georgia Department of Public Health to ensure
5 that it is meeting the needs of improving the health and welfare status of all Georgians; and

6 WHEREAS, there is a need to review the organization and staff structure of the Department
7 of Public Health; and

8 WHEREAS, there is a need to examine the public health nursing shortage and salary
9 structure for nurses; and

10 WHEREAS, there is a need to study the grant in aid economic formula for public health
11 disbursement of monies to individual counties; and

12 WHEREAS, there is a need to study the access by the public to county public health services
13 in this state; and

14 WHEREAS, there is a need to examine public health care standards and statistics across the
15 nation and compare such standards and statistics to Georgia through comparative analysis
16 of morbidity and mortality rates; and

17 WHEREAS, there is a need to review impoverishment and public health access in rural areas
18 of this state; and

19 WHEREAS, there is a need to study the influx of immigrant migration patterns to Georgia
20 and their effect on health care costs, standards, and availability in this state.

1 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF
2 GEORGIA that there is created the Joint Study Committee on the Examination of the
3 Mission of the Georgia Department of Public Health and Its Effectiveness in Improving the
4 Health and Welfare Status of All Georgians to be composed of five members of the Senate
5 to be appointed by the Senate Committee on Assignments, five members to be appointed by
6 the Speaker of the House of Representatives, and two members to be appointed by the
7 Governor. The Senate Committee on Assignments shall designate one of the Senate
8 members of the committee to serve as cochairperson of the committee and the Speaker of the
9 House of Representatives shall designate one of the House members of the committee to
10 serve as cochairperson of the committee. The cochairpersons shall call all meetings of the
11 committee.

12 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the committee shall undertake a study of the conditions,
13 needs, issues, and problems mentioned above or related thereto and recommend any actions
14 or legislation that the committee deems necessary or appropriate. The committee may
15 conduct such meetings at such places and at such times as it may deem necessary or
16 convenient to enable it to exercise fully and effectively its powers, perform its duties, and
17 accomplish the objectives and purposes of this resolution. The members of the committee
18 shall receive the allowances authorized for legislative members of interim legislative
19 committees but shall receive the same for not more than five days unless additional days are
20 authorized. The funds necessary to carry out the provisions of this resolution shall come
21 from the funds appropriated to the Senate and House of Representatives. In the event that
22 the committee makes a report of its findings and recommendations with suggestions for
23 proposed legislation, if any, such report shall be made on or before December 31, 2006. The
24 committee shall stand abolished on December 31, 2006.